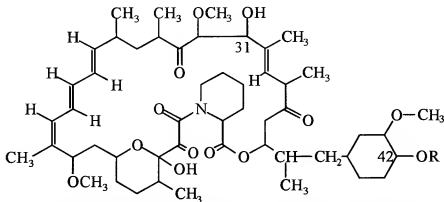


Amendments to the Claims

Prior to consideration of the remarks presented herein, Applicants request entry of the following amendments. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A compound of the form:



wherein R is R^a-O-R^b , where R^a is C_{2-6} alkylene and R^b is C_{4-6} alkyl, and where the number of carbon atoms in the sum of R^a and R^b is 7 or fewer $-(CH_2)_2-O-CH_2CH_3$.

- 2-9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 together with a carrier.

11. (original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein said carrier is a pharmaceutical preparation having the form of an ointment or a gel.

12. (original) The composition according to claim 10, wherein said carrier is comprised of polymer microparticles.

13. (original) The composition according to claim 10, wherein said carrier is a pharmaceutical preparation having the form of a liquid, tablet, or suppository.

14. (original) The composition according to claim 10 wherein said carrier is a stent.

15. (original) The composition according to claim 14 wherein said stent is formed of metal or polymer.

16. (original) The composition according to claim 15 wherein said stent is formed of a biodegradable polymer.

17. (original) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said stent is metal and said compound is carried directly on the surface of the stent.

18. (original) The composition according to claim 15, where said compound is carried in a polymer layer in contact with said stent.

19. (original) The composition according to claim 16, where said compound is carried in a polymer layer in contact with said stent.

20-44. (canceled)

45. (original) A method of treating a condition responsive to treatment by rapamycin, comprising
administering a compound according to claim 1.

46. (canceled)